ther it is a fact that UNICEF is immune from civil litigation in respect of contracts entered into by it in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYAN AN): Yes Sir.

Under the provisions of Para I of article VII of the Agreement between UNICEF and the Government of India of 19th April, 1978 read with Section two of the schedule to the UN (Privileges and Immunities) Act of 1947, the UNICEF, as an organ of the UN, is entitled to immunities from civil litigation in respect of contracts entered into by it in India.

1771. *[Transferred to* the 18m *March,* 1986].

Alleged link of an infiltrator with Indian Army Officers

1772. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS Pe pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one Amarjit Sandhu, ┘ Sikh convert from Bangladesh had been nabbed by the Border Security Force while trying to cross into Tripura on 16th December. 1985;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he revealed that he knew several officers of the Indian army;

(c) whether Government have made any investigation regarding this; and

(d) if so, what are he details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): a) One Amarjeet Singh alias Dha-uanjoy Ghosh was arrested by the BSF in Tripura border on 16th December, 1985.

(b) to *(d)* During preliminary interrogation nothing has come to the notice *to* indicate that he knew several office rf of the Indian Army.

Abolition of reservation for SC/ST candidates in Medical Colleges in Assam

1773. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will th$_e$ Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Assam Government have decirded to recruit to the State Government jobs in the medical colleges on the merit and to abolish the quota seats for SC and ST; and

(b) if so, what is Governments reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Insistence of US on signing of GSOMIA by India

1774. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenjment have received any indication that the U.S. Pentogon is opposed to the transfer of any sensitive military technology to India so long as this country dees not sig$_n$ a special security agreement called General Security of Military Information Agreement; if so, what stand the Government of India have taken on it; and

(b) whether U.S. has asked China to sign a similar agreement before transferring this kind of sensitive technology; if not, what are the rea sons advanced by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH); (a) We are aware that, normally, ihc General security of Military In-formation Agreement (GSOMIA) is signed between USA and Governments which receive classified military technology/information /systems from USA. We do not plan to sign the GSOMIA.

(b) We do not have any information on GSOM1A or similar agreement between USA and the People's Republic of China.

Search of missing Indian Defence personnel hy Pakistan

1775. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister 0£ EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased !0 state.-

(a) what specific proposals on the question of facilitate search of 43 Indian defence personnel who have been missing since 1971 war with Pakistan were made by India at the meetings 0f Indo-Pak sub-commissions on February 4 and 5, 1986 and what w*as the reaction of Pakistan Government thereto;

(b) what grounds were forwarded by Pakistan for their failure t0 trace these personnel wh0 have been missing for the last 15 years. the details of information furnished by Pakistan in this regard and what is Government's own information regarding their fate; and

(c) wh.il Has the term Of imprison ment awarded to each of the 63 Indian civilian detainees who were repatriated to India on 29th February, 1986, speci fic charges levelled against them and the total period spen) by each in Pakistani jails?

I HE MINISTES OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) 43 missing Indian defence personnel are believd t0 be in Pakistan since 1971. The Government of Pakistan have denied this. Pakistan Government is yet to intimate their reaction to lime proposal for a fresh effort to search for these persons in their jail.

(c) The Government 0f Pakistan have not disclosed these details.

Official Patronage to the production team of the Film 'Rajiv's India'

1776. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pro-, ducer and other men of the team connect- -ed with production of the film 'Rajiv's India' had received official patronage:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of prominent persons who h'ad help reception in honour of the team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India had provided logistical facilities and courtesies to the producers of the film 'Rajiv's India', similar to 'he facilities which have been provided to other producers of such documentaries.

There was no reception hosted by Government in honour of the te'am. However, it is understood that the Chair-man of PTI had held reception.

Import of engine for the light combat aircraft

1777. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PP4ME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3126 given in the Rajya Satfaa on, the 19th December. 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have decid ed fo import the US GE 404 engine for the Light Combat Aircraft;

(b) if so, when imported engine is likely to be tried;

(c) whther the imported engine is likely to hamper development of the GTX; and

(d) whether it is »a fact that *trying* of an unproven air-frame with an UM* proven engine js frought with risks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE 1 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RE SEARCH ANDDEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise, (d) That depends on (he air-frame arid the engine.

Busting of Terrorist gang

1778. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANI-KER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared